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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ondrej Such                          Attorney Docket No.: MSFT117208  
Application No.: 09/217,389                          Group Art Unit: 2151  
Filed: December 21, 1998                          Examiner: Li B. Zhen  
Title: RECYCLABLE LOCKING FOR MULTI-THREADED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENTS

**AMENDMENT B**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 24, 2002, in the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

In the September 24, 2002, final Office Action in this patent application, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "the Office") rejected Claims 1-4 and 6-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 5,797,004, issued to Lindholm et al. (hereinafter "Lindholm et al.") taken in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 6,237,043, issued to Brown et al. (hereinafter "Brown et al."). Furthermore, Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the teachings of Lindholm et al. taken in view of the teachings of Brown et al., and further in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 5,687,073, issued to Kishimoto (hereinafter "Kishimoto"). The Office has withdrawn the reference to O'Connor et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,098,089).

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